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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claim 1, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* containing spores and parasporal bodies comprising the ~~step~~ steps of:

culturing *Bacillus popilliae* in a medium containing an adsorbent and 0.2-4.0% by weight of free glutamic acid so that the ratio of free glutamic acid to total amino acids contained in the medium is within the range of 35 to 90% by weight, and
recovering the sporangia from the medium.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 1, wherein the medium further contains pyruvic acid.

Claim 4 (Original): A process for producing sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* according to claim 3, wherein the ratio of pyruvic acid in the medium is within the range of 0.01 to 0.5% by weight.

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Claim 5 (Original): A control agent for *Scarabaeidae* insects containing as active ingredient sporangia of *Bacillus popilliae* containing spores and parasporal bodies obtained by the production process according to claim 1.

Claim 6 (Canceled).